

Remarks

Claims 1-19 are currently pending in the Application.

Summary of specification amendments

This response replaces the abstract of the disclosure with a new abstract as shown above.

This response also amends the specification by submitting a substitute marked-up version of the specification showing all the changes and a clean version of the specification without the markings as authorized by MPEP Section 608.01(q). Applicants submit that the substitute specification includes no new matter.

Summary of claim amendments

This response amends Claims 1-19 to clarify the language of the claims.

Specification objections

The Examiner objects to the abstract for containing more than 150 words. Applicant submits that the abstract has been amended and request that the objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner also objects to the specification for allegedly containing errors. In the interest of moving this application to issue, Applicant encloses herein a substitute marked-up version of the specification showing all the changes and a clean version of the specification without the markings as authorized by MPEP Section 608.01(q). Applicant submits that the substitute specification includes no new matter.

35 U.S.C. §102(b) Rejection

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-11 and 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Koster (U.S. Patent No. 6,259,914). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The Examiner is reminded that “[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” MPEP 2131 quoting *Verdegaal Bros. V. Union Oil Co, of California*, 814

F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The Examiner is also reminded that “[the] identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim.” MPEP 2131 quoting *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Applicant submits that Koster does not teach each and every element as set forth in the rejected claims. In particular:

Claim 1

Applicant submits Koster does not disclose, suggest or teach, *inter alia*, the following features recited by amended Claim 1 of the present application:

“wherein said RNM, connected with the HLR in the home network and an MSC/VLR in a contracted roaming network, and manages mobile phone numbers in the home network and local mobile phone numbers in the contracted roaming network, takes collection of the local mobile phone numbers in the contracted roaming network as a resource pool, and allocates the mobile phone numbers in the contracted roaming network to subscribers roaming in the contracted roaming network dynamically through the MSC/VLR in the contracted roaming network”

Hence, Claim 1 is patentable over Koster and should be allowed by the Examiner. Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-11 and 14-16, at least based on their dependency on Claim 1, are also patentable over Koster.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejection

Claims 5, 9, 12-13 and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of Koster and further in view of Alperovich (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,673).

Applicant submits that Claims 5, 9, 12-13 and 17-19, at least based on their dependency on amended Claim 1, are believed to be patentable over Koster and Alperovich, because there is no prima facie 35 USC 103(a) case based on Koster, as shown above, and because the Examiner has not shown where Alperovich discloses, teaches or suggests the features not found in Koster.

Conclusion

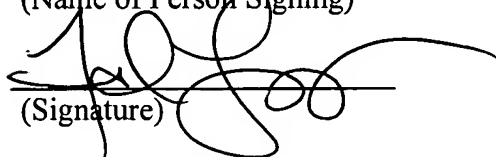
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

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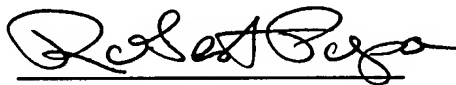
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